

The Sorrowful Lamentation, and Last Farewel to the World of Admiral B——g, who was Shot on board one of his Majesty's Ships at *Portsmouth*, on *Monday* the 14th Day of *March*, 1757, for Cowardice; and suffering the valient General *Blakeney*, and *Port Mahone*, to fall into the Hands of the *French*,



I.

GOOD People all I pray draw near,
And listen to my Lamentation,
For seldom 'tis that you shall hear,
Of such a true Relation:

Who once cou'd out strive the Wind,
Knew no Fears could me contend then,
But now I am Condemn'd to die,
Small Time I have to remain then.

II.

Before Captain *Smith* my Crime was laid,
Without the least denial;
Tho' vainly for myself I plead,
Yet fairly us'd on Tryal,
My Heart more than my Words exprest,
Which many more demanded;
For Cowardice I now must die,
For it is so Commanded.

III.

I wish I had stood true to my Trust,
And had ne'er been seen to Falter,
Then *Port Mahone* had been secure,
As well as *Gibraltar*:
And General *Blakeney* had been reliev'd,
But to him I was cruel,
For which my Heart now dorth bleed,
And burn like raging Fewel.

IV.

I might have been Promoted now,
To a Peer of this Nation;
Had I but been true and loyal seen,
Upon this just Occasion:
But I did prove a Coward then,



To all my Friends vexation,
And have committed a horrid Sin,
Against God, our King, and Nation,

V.

I pity my Family's Tears,
For me they have shed many,
Ungrateful Wretch, alas! I am,
To cause them to shed any:
And to be treacherous to my King,
That is so good and Royal,
The worst of Deaths I do deserve,
Without any farther denial.

VI.

All Officers I pray observe,
That hear of my Disaster,
Besure stand true to *George* your King,
Who is so good a Master:
And never do as I have done,
Then by him you'll be rewarded,
But he that dies for Cowardice,
His Death is not regarded.

VII.

As lying by a glimmering Light,
My Limbs did shake and quiver,
And from this World I am going quite,
As I am sure forever:
The shock of Guilt stares me in Face,
A Ray that seems Super-natural,
God grant to me saving Grace,
That I may live Eternal.